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WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

FOR [redacted] MAIG MACV SAIGON

FROM: COLONEL KENNEDY

YOUR HELPFUL MESSAGES APPRECIATED HERE.

REQUEST YOU LOOK INTO STAGUS AND SUBSTANCE OF PLAN FOR CUTTING OFF SUPPLY ROUTES IN S. LAOS, USING A REINFORCED ARVN DIVISION TO ATTACK WEST TO SALOUENE AND OPERATE ASTRIDE LOC. THAI FORCES WOULD CUT WESTERNMOST LOC BY MOVING EAST TO SALOUENE. THIS WAS PLAN OUTLINED BY GENERAL WESTMORELAND AT MEETING BEFORE YOU LEFT.

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ALSO REQUEST YOU ASK ADMIRAL MCCAIN'S VIEWS ON THIS AND OTHER PLANS AS WELL AS ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS HE MAY HAVE.

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PLEASE MAKE ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT STATE OF U.S. ARMY IN SVN TO INCLUDE STATE OF MORALE AND NATURE AND EXTENT OF DRUG PROBLEM.